

SUFFRAGIST ASSOCIATION IS DISSOLVED

National Women's Body is Disbanded After Fighting for Enfranchisement in United States Since 1869.

NEW BODY ADVOCATES FREE SPEECH AND PRESS

Omaha Will Probably Be Chosen by Nebraska Suffrage Body for Last Convention Next March.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—An attempt was made in the closing session of the National League of Women Voters today to reconsider a resolution against universal compulsory military training, passed earlier in the day. The motion to reconsider failed after spirited argument on both sides.

The National American Woman Suffrage association dissolved after fighting for woman's enfranchisement since 1869. It leaves the league as its successor.

The next national meeting of the league will be called by the board of directors, time and place to be chosen later.

Endorse League of Nations.

A resolution endorsing the league of nations was passed after a clause calling for reservations had been stricken out. The resolution read: "Resolved that we urge the adherence of the United States to the league of nations with the least possible delay."

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell of Massachusetts, who introduced the resolution, had included in the original draft the clause "with such reservations as may be considered necessary," but this was eliminated after a heated debate.

The rights of free speech, free press and free representation were emphatically supported. The women declared themselves opposed to any attempt to use violence against the government, but warned that "if the government attempts to meet this difficulty by the use of force, the American citizens will be forced to meet it by force."

Miss Park Heads League.

Maud Wood Park of Boston heads the league, according to the result of an election by the board of directors of its officers, who are also the officers of the whole organization. Mrs. George Calhoun of St. Louis is vice chairman, Mrs. Richard Edwards of Peru, Ind., treasurer, and Mrs. Solon Jacobs, Birmingham, Ala., secretary.

The league sent a telegram to the women of Washington state, encouraging them in the fight for the ratification by that state of the 19th constitutional amendment.

Beginning tomorrow, a school for women voters will be held, which will last a week.

State Suffragists May Meet Here Next Month

By MYRTLE MASON.

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Chicago, Feb. 18.—Omaha will probably be the meeting place for the last convention of the National Women Suffrage association to be held here in March. Wednesday afternoon at a caucus of the Nebraska suffragists.

Enemies of Suffrage Want Mrs. Catt to Enter Senatorial Race

Washington, Feb. 18.—Suggestion that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the new League of Women Voters, or Miss Mary Garrett Hay, enter the senatorial field in New York state in opposition to the candidacy of Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., was contained in a letter addressed to Mrs. Catt by Miss Mary G. Kilbreth, president of the National Association Opposed to Women Suffrage.

Miss Kilbreth asserted that such a race would make a fair test of the anti-suffrage argument—that women preferred to be represented in politics by men rather than by women.

New Mexico Senate Ratifies Suffrage; House Favorable, Too

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 17 to 5, the state senate ratified the federal suffrage amendment.

It is certain that the house will act favorably, probably Thursday. Opposition almost entirely disappeared when the House of Representatives, representative from Bernalillo county, who had led the fight against the amendment, withdrew his opposition.

Bill Reported to House Abolishes Subtreasuries

Washington, Feb. 18.—Abolition of the nine subtreasuries, the offices of 13 state surveyors general, and two assay offices is proposed in the legislative appropriation bill, reported today by the house appropriations committee.

A reduction of \$18,000,000 from department estimates for clerk hire and miscellaneous expenses was made, but the bill's total of \$104,120,000 is one of the largest peace-time legislative appropriations on record.

Modern Enoch Arden Is Granted a Divorce

New York, Feb. 18.—John C. Ries, an American soldier who had been officially listed as killed and who later returned from overseas to find his wife had married again, was granted a decree of divorce in the Brooklyn supreme court.

Ries served with a machine gun company of the Twenty-seventh division. He was gassed, wounded and left for dead upon the battle field, but later he was picked up and sent to a hospital.

President Victim Of Fit of Temper In Lansing's Case

—DAVID LAWRENCE

(Editor's Note.—David Lawrence, of all the Washington newspaper correspondents, is reputed to be the one closest to President Wilson and White House affairs. For six years his writings have been considered authoritative statements of the presidential attitude on public questions. His usual sympathetic treatment of affairs which concern President Wilson makes the following frank statement all the more remarkable. Tomorrow, Mr. Lawrence will deal with the personality of the president and the attitude of his staff that he has upon occasion exhibited.)

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

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Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson has made a mistake. His friends are bewildered. His opponents naturally rejoice. Few people know the facts—not more than two or three. The background of the episode, the thread of the narrative itself discloses the inner side of the White House and officialdom as it is today—the president in confinement and extremely jealous of his presidential prerogatives, and officials generally are apprehensive lest they, too, become victims of presidential wrath. For, if there was "usurpation" of authority by Secretary Lansing, there was plenty of it by other persons equally as close to President Wilson.

It is easy for people outside of Washington to make an offhand judgment and assume that the president's blunt act is a direct consequence of the tedium of his illness—impatience and petulance not unknown to persons suffering from nervous exhaustion. But, instead of supposing that the president acted unnaturally, one close at hand cannot but fail to have the impression that the president indeed acted

naturally. Study of the Wilson temperament over a period of years and observation of what has been going on in the environs of the White House and Capitol Hill since the president got back from Europe leads more easily to the conclusion that Mr. Wilson gave vent to an outburst of temper which has appeared on previous occasions but which his advisers have wisely concealed or checked than to the notion that some newly developed irascibility brought about the curt dismissal of the secretary of state.

Kept in Ignorance.

To form a correct judgment it is necessary to know just how much President Wilson has been permitted to learn of events and affairs going on in the government and outside world, during his illness. Three people can answer the question—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician; Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Private Secretary Joseph P. Tumulty. The lips of the first individual are sealed by professional ethics, the wife of the president is not given to answering inquiries from newspapers and has had no communication with the press since Mr. Wilson became ill, and the private secretary to the president has decided to keep absolutely mum.

But correspondents who go to the White House every day make it their business to keep their eyes and ears open and to remember from week to week and month to month. And any one of a dozen who watch White House affairs carefully can testify to certain happenings.

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PROFITATING REPLY MADE WILSON NOTE

Supreme Council's Answer to President's Dictum in Adriatic Situation Not Made Public at Present Time.

WHOLE SUBJECT LIKELY OPEN TO RENEGOTIATION

London Papers Deprecate Failure to Give Out Contents of White House Note and Allied Reply.

Washington, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson's note to the allied supreme council regarding the Adriatic question, which caused something of a stir in this as well as the allied countries, apparently has served to reopen the whole subject to negotiation.

The supreme council's reply was received today at the State department, but was withheld. London advisers said the note was conciliatory. The State department made no comment on this, but it was pretty well understood that the entire premier's communication had at least removed the Adriatic question from the status in which it was after the council communicated its settlement to Jugoslavia in the form of an ultimatum without the United States being a party to the agreement.

The Jugo-Slavs were given the option of accepting the council's plan or submitting to the carrying out of the Adriatic provisions of the secret treaty of London, negotiated before the United States entered the war. In this connection it was disclosed today that President Wilson in his note again came out definitely against the application of this treaty.

U. S. Should Be Party.

It was also understood that the president had taken the position that regardless of the operation of the treaty of Versailles and the league of nations, the United States should be a party to the Adriatic settlement because of its position as a co-belligerent.

While the premier's reply was being received at the State department from Ambassador Davis, a suggestion came from Europe that the premier had invited the American government, in the event that it still held that the original Adriatic agreement made at Paris on December 9 should be carried out, to indicate the practical steps that could be taken to settle this agreement, if it should be accepted by Italy and Jugoslavia.

Under the terms of the December 6 settlement, to which the United States was a party, Fiume was to be erected into a free state under the league of nations and in other respects.

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War Record of Son Enough to Beat Ford At Polls, Senator Says

Washington, Feb. 18.—Henry Ford would have been defeated for United States senator from Michigan if the opposing candidate "had not spent 30 cents," because of the war record of his son, Edsel Ford, Senator Sherman, republican, Illinois, told the senate, adding he expected to get young Ford's exemption record before the committee on elections, "law or no law, objection or no objection."

Referring to the younger Ford as the "scion of the house of Ford," the "Duke of Detroit," Senator Sherman declared his repeated efforts to obtain the draft record from the adjutant general of the army had been fruitless. He was urging an amendment to the second deficiency bill making draft records available as public documents.

March Testifies That Wilson Sent Yanks To Siberia and Russia

Washington, Feb. 18.—American troops were sent into Russia and Siberia by President Wilson against the advice of Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, while the general was a member of the allied supreme war council, Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, testified today before a house committee investigating medal awards.

"I don't suppose, however, that the president would disregard a strictly military proposal from General Bliss," General March added.

Promotion of officers by selection was urged by the chief of staff, who said the system of promotion by seniority usually placed inefficient officers in high positions.

Root Asks to Be Excused From Serving as Delegate

New York, Feb. 18.—Republican state leaders tonight were virtually unanimous in the belief that four men to be nominated as delegates-at-large to the republican national convention by the state convention here tomorrow would be Senators Wadsworth and Calder, Elihu Root and William Boyce Thompson.

Mr. Root, who as a temporary chairman will deliver the keynote speech at the opening session of the convention, has asked to be excused from serving as a delegate because of the condition of his health, but party leaders have urged him to be a candidate on the ground of duty to the party.

"House of Johnson" In Quadruple Alliance

Mitchell, S. D., Feb. 18.—"The House of Johnson formed a quadruple alliance here when Harvey Johnson of Letcher, S. D., married Miss Mary Johnson of Mt. Vernon, S. D., and Jacob Johnson, Miss Mary's brother, wedded Miss Josie Charlotte Johnson, Harvey's sister. All the 43 Johnsons in the city directory publicly extended their congratulations to the couples.

Charity Begins Abroad



REV. TITUS LOWE IS A CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

Omaha Minister Would Represent Nebraska Republicans at Chicago—Favors Pershing's Nomination.

Rev. Titus Lowe, pastor of the First Methodist church of Omaha, will be a candidate for one of the four places as delegates-at-large from Nebraska to the republican national convention in Chicago.

Mr. Lowe favors the nomination of Gen. John J. Pershing. Six months of service with the American soldiers at the front in France gave Mr. Lowe a vivid impression of General Pershing's ability as an executive and a diplomat. It is because of his demonstrated capacity in these respects that he has won Mr. Lowe's endorsement for president.

Most Available Man.

"I realize that it is perhaps unusual for a minister to permit the use of his name in such a connection," said the Rev. Mr. Lowe last evening. "But I am a citizen of the United States. I am a republican. I believe that General Pershing is the most available and most promising candidate for the presidency. And so I have decided to undertake to represent my state if the people of the state so will."

Speaking of his reasons for supporting Pershing, Mr. Lowe said: "Picking a president is a matter of comparison. Candidates are not ready-made. The problem is to pick the most available man at the time. Pershing, I think, is the available candidate, easily the most available candidate."

An Executive Genius.

"The fact of Pershing's ability to organize 2,000,000 men, with 1,000,000 on the firing line, into a single organization in the short time allowed, suggests, organizing genius of the highest order. And the ability to co-operate intimately with the two other outstanding military geniuses of the allied arms showed adaptability."

"Pershing demonstrated his ability to work with and through other men. That is a most important quality for a man in a great executive position, where it is an impossibility for a single human mind to grapple with all the problems which press for solution. Pershing had a capacity to make other men work, in harmony with the general plan and with each other, with maximum efficiency. In the time in which we now are, this is a most valuable quality for the leader of our nation to have."

One I. W. W. Dismissed In Centralia Shooting

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 18.—The number of I. W. W. on trial here charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, killed in the Centralia Armistice day shooting, was reduced from 11 to 10 with the dismissal of charges against Bert Faulkner, 23 years old.

The ruling of the court in the Faulkner case followed announcement by the prosecution that it rested its case. At the same time motions to dismiss as to the other 10 defendants were denied.

\$100,000 Des Moines Fire.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 18.—Fire in the two-story building here at 401 East Grand avenue, occupied as a feed and grain store by Sargent and Company, caused a loss estimated at \$100,000 Wednesday afternoon.

Omaha Pastor Who Announces Candidacy As G. O. P. Delegate



REV. TITUS LOWE.

Peace Treaty Goes Into Eclipse in Senate Wednesday

Washington, Feb. 18.—The peace treaty went into eclipse again Wednesday in the senate. With private negotiations for a compromise already quiescent, the leaders found no one ready to speak on the senate floor and it was agreed that the subject would not be taken up during the day at all.

Debate may be resumed Thursday and the compromise negotiations will be continued, but many senators believe the treaty fight will not be revived in earnest for some time to come.

With the railroad bill and other important legislative business coming up, the controversy over ratification may be permitted to drag on, it was indicated, without either side seeking to force a decision.

Aerial Flivver Makes Successful Trial Flight

College Point, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The aerial "flivver," a monoplane which weighs 595 pounds, is 19 feet long and has a wing spread of 29 feet 9 inches, received its first trial flight before a gathering of engineers and aviation experts here Wednesday.

The machine, which is driven by a two cylinder motor and has a carrying capacity of 383 pounds, took the air, easily "hopping off" from a snow covered field and made a successful flight of several minutes.

The Weather.

Nebraska: Unsettled weather Thursday and Friday; probably rain or snow Friday, colder Friday in west and central portion.

Iowa: Unsettled weather Thursday and Friday; probably light snow, somewhat warmer Friday in east portion.

Hourly Temperatures.

Hour	Temp.	Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	22	6 p. m.	38
7 a. m.	22	7 p. m.	38
8 a. m.	22	8 p. m.	38
9 a. m.	22	9 p. m.	38
10 a. m.	22	10 p. m.	38
11 a. m.	22	11 p. m.	38
12 noon	22	12 noon	38

WIFE OF ALLEGED RIOTER FILES DIVORCE SUIT

Mrs. Claude L. Nethaway in Petition Says She Is Unable to Endure Husband's Tirades Against Negroes.

Claude L. Nethaway was sued in district court yesterday by his wife, Stella Nethaway, for a divorce. Nethaway is a real estate man and lives in Florence. His first wife was found murdered in a railway car north of Florence in the summer of 1917. A negro, Charles Smith, was arrested and on his second trial was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Nethaway married his present wife December 2, 1918. She says in her petition that he is of a very excitable and nervous disposition and spends most of his time at home talking about the negro question and raving against "negro lovers" until it has affected her health and made continuance of the marriage dangerous.

He abuses her, she says, because she does not agree with his ideas on these subjects.

She also applied for an injunction restraining Nethaway from disposing of his property, which includes a large farm in Colorado and amounts altogether, she says, to \$40,000.

Nethaway came into notoriety following the court house riots of September 28, when he was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to murder Will Brown, the negro lynched that night. After being in the county jail for two weeks he secured bail. He was tried several weeks ago but the jury failed to reach an agreement on a verdict.

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Mexican Troops Lose Trail of Outlaws Who Kidnaped American

New York, Feb. 18.—Mexican government troops are pursuing the bandits who kidnaped Wilson Welsh Adams, an American mine superintendent, but contact with the outlaws has been lost in the hills of Zacatecas, Mexico, according to a telegram received today by the American Metal company, Ltd., Adams employer, from its offices at Monterey, Mex.

The telegram also stated that the bandits assured others at the Providencia mine, where Adams was captured, that no harm would befall him. Ransom of \$25,000 was demanded for his release.

Mrs. Adams, who lives in Los Angeles, Cal., has been informed of her husband's plight by the Monterey office.

German Hotelkeepers Refuse Rooms to Allies

London, Feb. 18.—It is announced that the allied commission composed of 25 officers, with a number of troops, to put into effect the provisions of the peace treaty, has arrived at Koenigsberg. The members of the commission are billeted in town because the hotelkeepers refused to accommodate them with rooms.

Kerensky Not Captured.

London, Feb. 18.—Reports that Alexander Kerensky, the Russian revolutionary premier whose regime was overthrown by the bolsheviks in November, 1917, has been imprisoned in the Caucasus were speedily shown to be untrue when inquiry revealed that Kerensky was living in England, where he has been living for some time.

FIGHT BEGUN ON MAYOR OF METROPOLIS

Grand Jury's Findings Against Assistant District Attorneys of New York Laid to Move Against Hyman and Hearst

MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE CHARGED TO OFFICIALS

District Attorney Blames Controversy Over Eight-Cent Fares and Wish to Supplant Him for Action by Jurors.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Governor Smith has received from Raymond F. Albratt, foreman of the New York county extraordinary grand jury, specifications alleging misconduct in office on the part of three assistant district attorneys, John T. Dooling, James E. Smith and Edward P. Kilroe.

Dooling is charged with conspiracy to bring about the indictment of Gaston B. Means for murder; Smith is accused of neglect of duty in respect to investigation and prosecuting gambling and disorderly houses, and Kilroe is accused of neglect of duty.

Mr. Albratt's letter was in reply to a recent communication from the governor, in which the executive stated that if the extraordinary grand jury would furnish him with specifications in connection with allegations of an "overshadowing crime" he would designate the attorney general as its special counsel.

Swann Issues Statement.

New York, Feb. 18.—District Attorney Swann issued a statement tonight in which he claimed that extraordinary grand jury's charges against the three assistant district attorneys were preferred as a subterfuge to bringing about Mayor Hyman's removal and "to find something on William Randolph Hearst."

Mr. Swann asserted that the grand jurors expected Attorney General Newton to designate Alfred L. Becker, deputy attorney general, to take his place.

"The grand jury presided over by Mr. Albratt," he continued, "has two main objects. The first is to find something on the mayor, or a pretext on which he may be removed, and another appointed in his place with a lively hope that the other may consent to an 8-cent fare."

"The other is that they hope Mr. Becker will enable them to find something on William Randolph Hearst, who has been a thorn in the side of the interborough and the traction combination for years and a man whom they consider to be the chief opponent of the granting of an 8-cent fare."

Judge Devoted His Time.

"From the day the district attorney announced to the extraordinary grand jury," Mr. Swann continued, "that he was investigating the falsity of the written financial statement published by the Interborough officials and J. P. Morgan & Co., upon the faith of which the public bought \$33,000,000 of 'short term' notes in September, 1918, the dominant members of the extraordinary grand jury who had been controlling its action began a search to find something against the mayor and the district attorney, as they were joined in the search by the judge on the bench, who personally devoted two months of his time and labor to it."

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Rose Pastor Stokes To Be Candidate for Congress In N. Y.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes of New York, millionaire communist and former socialist, one of 167 persons indicted by a special grand jury here January 2, for "obscuring the overthrow of the government of the United States," today announced she would be a candidate for congress from the 14th New York district.

Mrs. Stokes, brought here last night by a police woman, is at large on bond pending appeal from a sentence to 10 years in a federal prison for obstructing the draft.

Pomeroy Withdraws From Democratic Lists

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Pomeroy, democrat, Ohio, has withdrawn from the contest for the democratic presidential nomination.

Necessity of devoting his entire attention to important legislation and the fact that under the Ohio state primary law a solid delegation would be impossible, which, he said, virtually would mean his defeat at the San Francisco convention, were given by the Ohio senator as his reasons for dropping out of the race.

Ex-Army Major to Make Race for Seattle Mayoralty

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 18.—Hugh M. Caldwell, attorney and former army major, and James Duncan, secretary of the Seattle Central Labor council, will run for mayor in the city election March 2. In the primaries yesterday Caldwell received 28,516 votes and Duncan 26,040. Mayor C. B. Fitzgerald, candidate for re-election, was eliminated. He received 21,419 votes.